

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Fujimori (U.S. 7,009,942) in view of Fellman (U.S. 6,980,990). Applicants traverse this rejection based on the following comments.

Claim 1, as amended, recites:

A method of automatically determining a device's nickname in a network based on a peer-to-peer scheme, the method comprising:
recognizing a first device that has been connected to the network without being assigned any nickname, wherein the nickname identifies a characteristic of the first device and can be recognized by the network;
selecting a nickname for the recognized first device from a recommended nickname table which is also connected to the network; and
registering information regarding the selected nickname in a nickname registration-managing module connected to the network.

Thus, in the present invention, automatically determining a device's nickname is accomplished in a network based on a peer-to-peer scheme. However, Fujimori and Fellman are completely silent as to the network based on a peer-to-peer scheme, and does not teach or suggest the network based on a peer-to-peer scheme. For example, Fujimori merely teaches a LAN network, which is not a network based on a peer-to-peer scheme.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that Fujimori, alone or in combination with Fellman, does not teach or suggest each and every feature of claim 1. Thus, claim 1 should be patentable for at least this reason.

Similarly, Applicants submit that independent claims 7, 9, 13 and 14 are patentable for analogous reasons. Further, Applicants submit that dependent claims 2-6, 8, 10-12 and 15-24 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies on claims 1, 7, 9 and 14.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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